

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on January 22, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)
Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)
Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 194, 1/19/2015

00:01:25 Vice Chair Clark

HEARING ON HB 194

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:40 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 194, Revise bison laws.
00:01:59 Rep. Williams entered

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:32 Marty Malone, Park County Commissioner
00:05:42 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation, (MFBF)
00:06:56 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association, (MSGA)
00:08:29 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union, (MFU)
00:09:01 Elena Evans, Montana Association of Conservation Districts, (MACD)
00:10:02 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana, (UPOM)
00:11:39 Terry Haughian, Self
00:12:24 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties, (MACO)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:57 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation, (NWF)
00:16:00 Rep. Perry entered
00:20:02 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon

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00:21:44 Darrell Geist, Buffalo Field Campaign, (BFC)
00:24:33 Josh Osher, Buffalo Field Campaign (BFC)
00:28:24 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation, (MWF)

Informational Testimony:

00:29:41 Ken McDonald, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (MFWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:02 Rep. Pierson
00:30:29 Ben Lamb, NWF
00:31:30 Rep. Pierson
00:31:47 Rep. Redfield
00:32:21 Rep. Pierson
00:32:35 Rep. Redfield
00:32:54 Rep. Pierson
00:33:01 Rep. Redfield
00:33:10 Rep. Webber
00:33:41 Rep. Redfield
00:34:03 Rep. Webber
00:34:17 Rep. Redfield
00:34:32 Rep. Olsen
00:35:18 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)
00:35:41 Vice Chair Clark
00:35:49 Ken McDonald, MFWP
00:36:27 Rep. MacDonald
00:38:12 Ben Lamb, NWF

00:40:29 Rep. McKamey
00:40:59 Ben Lamb, NWF
00:41:29 Rep. McKamey
00:42:23 Ben Lamb, NWF
00:42:53 Rep. Lang
00:43:14 Ken McDonald, MFWP
00:43:28 Rep. Lang
00:43:47 Ken McDonald, MFWP
00:44:05 Rep. Lang
00:44:27 Ken McDonald, MFWP
00:44:36 Rep. Williams
00:46:18 Rep. Redfield
00:47:32 Rep. Williams
00:47:38 Rep. Redfield
00:48:01 Rep. Williams
00:48:10 Rep. Redfield
00:48:30 Rep. McKamey
00:48:38 Rep. Staffanson
00:49:06 Rep. Redfield
00:49:21 Rep. Lang
00:50:01 Rep. Redfield
00:50:13 Rep. Olsen
00:50:46 Rep. Redfield
00:51:13 Rep. McKamey
00:51:42 Rep. Redfield

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:11 Rep. Redfield

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:53:14

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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